



Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health
Salt River Pima- Maricopa Indian Community

Meeting Minutes May 8, 2008 Council Meeting

Council Members in attendance

Alecia Jackson
Chris McIntier
Dr. Joyce Helmuth
Lori Calderon
Martina Ashley
Priscilla Jay
Rene Murphy
Ron Ransom

First Things First Staff

Yolanda Y. Adams Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Coordinator
Dr. Ahmad Djangi Regional Manager
Katie Stevens Tribal Affairs Specialist
Ana Garcia Region C Administrative Assistant
Beverly A. Russell San Carlos Apache Tribe Regional coordinator
Vivian Juan-Saunders First Things First Board Member

Consultant

Aleena M. Hernandez

Public

No members of the public were present

Call to order

Meeting called to order by Regional Coordinator Yolanda Y. Adams at 5:30 PM.

Brief welcome to everyone by Ms. Adams. She introduced all Council members, staff members and consultant.

No Public Comment.

Remarks from First Things First Board Member Vivian Juan-Saunders

Ms. Juan-Saunders welcomed everyone and thanked Katie Stevens for her work and participation in the program. She gave a brief description of her background and her appointment to the Board. She distributed handouts of the org chart for AZ Early Childhood Development and Health Board and also for the Regional Councils. She gave an overview of Proposition 203. Handout relating to description and responsibilities of the initiative was also distributed.

She gave a brief description of the language within the statute. Brief description on the consultant's responsibilities and a description of the summit's goals and perimeters.

Ms. Juan-Saunders stated that she looks forward to seeing what the Regional Council's needs and assessments will be. Next First Things First Board meeting will be in Tucson, May 20 and 21st.

Question from Member McIntier regarding the consultant's responsibilities. Ms. Stevens responded to the question with brief explanation of how the consultants will follow directives. The Councils will be mandating what processes that will be used and followed. She commented on importance of sending a letter to the President of the Tribal Council to update the Tribal Council of and any and all progress.

Remarks from First things First Tribal Specialist Katie Stevens

Ms. Katie Stevens distributed handout regarding First Things First Goals and Mission.

She gave a brief description of the number of tribes that have decided to join.

First Things First is a system that will change AZ. She described how the discussion in the summit addressed that the Councils will be creating the system that will facilitate that change. She hopes to be invited in 6 months back to the Council's meeting.

Coordinator Adams opened the nominations for appointment of Chair.

Member Murphy nominated Priscilla Jay for Chair. Member Jackson seconded the motion.

Dr. Joyce Helmuth nominated Lori Calderon for Chair. Member McIntier seconded the motion.

There was a brief discussion of Priscilla Jay's qualifications by Member Murphy and a brief discussion on Lori Calderon's qualifications by Dr. Joyce Helmuth. The vote was taken for Ms. Jay. Member Murphy and Member Ransom voted Member Jay. The vote for Member Calderon was as follows: Alecia Jackson, Chris McIntier, Dr. Joyce Helmuth, and Martina Ashley. Member Calderon and Member Jay did not vote. Lori Calderon was elected Chair. Member Murphy nominated Ms. Jay for Vice Chair, seconded by Member Ashley. No discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was turned over to Chair Calderon.

First item, possible approval of Governance Policy.

It was open for discussion. There were questions regarding the time line. Chair recognized Yolanda Adams and she stated that there would be a need for a second meeting in May. Member Ransom asked about the rules and recommended that Cheryl Scott review the Governance document and for the Board to get a recommendation from her.

Discussion from Member McIntier about keeping the tribes informed. Member Jackson wants to ensure that all the information is disseminated to the Tribal Council.

Chair Calderon requested that the Regional Council be introduced to everyone and to invite everyone to come to the meetings and be informed of the activities.

Member Ashley motioned that the Council recommend the preliminary frame-work be done before next meeting tentatively May 16th, 2008. Member Jackson seconded the motion. Individual suggestions to be submitted to Yolanda before the next meeting. The motion failed.

Aleena Hernandez addressed the Council.

Brief description on herself as a consultant. Described her work with protocols with the Tribal Councils. Description of Summit and Summit goals. Overview of Needs and Assets and time line. Identifying needs and additional areas. I.e.: Infrastructure. Need to be focused. Community assessments are crucial to be effective and successful.

Frame work approach:

- Review and compile existing data
- Collect new data where gaps exist

Data analysis:

- Descriptive
- Comparing assets
- Comparing data w/other services

Motion by Member Murphy to approve frame work as presented. Seconded by Dr. Joyce Helmuth. Motion carried. Member Priscilla Jay voted against the motion.

Motion Rescinded

Motion by Member Ashley to rescind previous motion and motioned to approve frame work and not implement until approval by Tribal Council and having appropriate protocols met. Seconded by Member McIntier. Motion carried.

Vacancy Announcement

Board still has 3 vacancies that need to be filled. Philanthropy, Faith Based (can be filled by medicine man or woman) and Business. Any suggestions notify Ms. Adams.

Preparation for next meeting

Possible date for next meeting May 29th 2008 at 5:30 PM Same location.

Action items: Items relating to Tribal Community. (Updates on Governance policy). Each member to provide Yolanda Adams with times available for next 3 months. Each member to also provide Ms. Adams with suggestions and items to be placed on agenda. Member McIntier won't be able to meet in June. Dr. Djangi pointed out that if there was someone absent the Board would still have a quorum and would still be able to meet.

Adjourn

Member Jay motioned to adjourn. Ron Ransom seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

SUBMITTED BY:

Ana Garcia AA III

Approved:

Lori Calderon, Regional Council Chair